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Question 1a	
Do you consider that the Local Plan is Legally compliant?	No
Question 1b	
Do you consider that the Local Plan sound?	No
Question 1c	
Do you consider that the Local Plan complies with the Duty to Cooperate?	No
Question 2	
Do you consider that this part of the Local Plan is unsound because it is not: (tick all that apply)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Positively prepared<input type="checkbox"/> Effective<input type="checkbox"/> Justified<input type="checkbox"/> Consistent with national policy
Question 3a	
Your Comments	

Please give details of why you consider that this part of the Local Plan is not legally compliant or unsound or fails to comply with the Duty to Cooperate.

Darlington Borough Council rejected applications for certain Local Green Spaces in the Local Plan including 2 applications relating to Skertingham Countryside Park (originally labelled LGS04/LGS013 in the Draft Plan). These applications had sound grounds for Skertingham Countryside Park being designated a Local Green Space. To dismiss these applications on the grounds that these fell within a larger area covered by a Masterplan which had not been adopted is unjustified. These applications were made in accordance with the Council's requirements and they appear not to have had due consideration. DBC must ask itself how a proposed but un-adopted policy takes precedent over applications for Local Green Space status which should have been properly considered on their merits.

Question 4

Changes Sought

Please Note your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage. There is the opportunity to attach Word or PDF files before submitting your comment.

After this stage, further submissions will only be at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues identified for examination.

Please set out what change(s) to the Local Plan you consider necessary to make it legally compliant or sound. You will need to say why this change will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording for any policy or text.

Skertingham Countryside Park (originally labelled LGS04/LGS013 in the Draft Plan) should be designated as a Local Green Space in the Local Plan in table 9.1. This will improve the soundness of the Plan on the grounds that (i) the green space is in close proximity to the community it serves, (ii) the green space is of significance to the local community as result of its high recreational value, undoubted beauty and tranquility and for the richness of its wildlife, (iii) the green space is local in character, is not an extensive area and its boundaries easily defined

Question 5

Attendance at Examination Hearings

If your representation is seeking a change, do you consider it necessary to participate in the examination hearings?

No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearings

Question 6

Do you request to be notified that the Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination under section 22(3) of the regulations and to be notified of the adoption of the Local Plan?

Yes, I request to be notified